

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-26**

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**WHEREAS**, the coordination of victims' services is critical to ensuring the effective delivery of services to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, all victims, pursuant to the laws of the United States of America and the State of South Carolina, shall be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, all victims, pursuant to the laws of the United States of America and the State of South Carolina, shall be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process, and shall be informed of their constitutional rights; and

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina voters overwhelmingly approved the Victims' Bill of Rights Constitutional Amendment in the November, 1996, election; and

**WHEREAS**, enabling legislation for the Victims' Bill of Rights Constitutional Amendment was signed into law by the undersigned on June 13, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Victim Assistance, Office of the Governor, is charged with administering the South Carolina Victim's Compensation Fund and providing services to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, the Advisory Victim Services Coordinating Committee is hereby established. The Advisory Victim Services Coordinating Committee shall work in conjunction with and under the auspices of the Division of Victim Assistance, Office of the Governor, to develop standards for the coordination and implementation of victim services delivery on a state and local level. The Committee shall be comprised of the following individuals or their designees:

- Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division
- Director of the Division of Victim Assistance, Office of the Governor
- Crime Victims' Ombudsman
- Executive Director of the South Carolina Victims Assistance Network
- Director of Victims Services, Office of Attorney General
- President of the Law Enforcement Victim Advocates
- Director of the Department of Corrections
- Director of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
- Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice
- Director of the Department of Public Safety
- Director of Court Administration
- President of the South Carolina Summary Court Association
- Executive Director of the Prosecution Coordination Commission
- President of the Public Defenders' Association
- Executive Director of the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association
- Executive Director of the Police Chiefs' Association
- President of the SC Jailers' Association
- Executive Director of the South Carolina Association of Counties
- Executive Director of the Municipal Association of South Carolina

The Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is hereby designated as Chairman of this Committee.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1997**

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**DAVID M. BEASLEY**  
**GOVERNOR**

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